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MEMORANDA.

Population.—The estimated population of New South Wales on 31st December, 1905, was 1,496,050. This shows an increase for the year of 34,517, or at the rate of 2·36 per cent., the largest since 1892. The total increase was 11,000 more than the average during the preceding four years. The birth-rate, 26·76 per 1,000 of population, showed a slight recovery; and the death-rate, 10·13 per 1,000, was the lowest on record.

Trade.—The imports during February were valued at £2,365,231, which is £19,601 more than the corresponding month of last year. For the first two months there was a decrease of £369,354 as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during the month amounted to £1,307,032, as compared with £993,206 in February, 1905. There was a falling-off in apparel and soft goods, and in gold, while increases were shown in metal manufactures, iron and steel, and sugar.

The oversea exports for February amounted to £3,171,497, and for the first two months to £5,739,854, which show increases of £899,248 and £1,715,913, respectively, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. There were increases in the value of all the principal articles, especially butter, wool, and gold. Wheat, however, shows a falling off.

Mineral Production.—The value of the minerals won in New South Wales during 1905 was £6,812,126, there being the large increase of £592,075 over the value for 1904. To the total, gold contributed £1,165,013, the largest value since 1899; silver and lead, £2,494,052, the largest since 1900; coal, £2,003,461; and copper, £511,754. The largest increases during the year were shown in silver-lead, zinc, and copper.

Prices.—The general index number for February was slightly higher than in January, and was higher than in the corresponding month during the last five years. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,310; for metals, 1,328; and for all articles, 1,243. During the month butter and wheat receded slightly, wool and sheepskins advanced, and lead and copper declined.

Meteorology.—During February the temperature was warm and sultry, and in the western districts readings were high. There were three or four useful falls of rain, especially in the west and north-west divisions. In the remainder of the State the falls were slightly below the average.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	672,520	589,750	1,262,270	23,020	1'86	1,250,760
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1'32	1,270,620
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1'78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	723,035	656,496	1,379,531	14,941	1'09	1,372,060
1902	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2'04	1,393,622
1903	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1'70	1,422,803
1904	773,234	688,299	1,461,533	29,904	2'09	1,446,440
1905	794,400	701,650	1,496,050	34,517	2 36	1,478,600

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	23,860	19'07
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16'27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17'81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14'90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15'42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16'26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15'93
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15'20
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13'68
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16'11
1905	10,941	20,261	19,311	8,715	6,265	24,592	16 63
Oct. to Dec., 1905 ...	2,706	4,978	4,710	2,149	1,556	5,983	.....
Oct. to Dec., 1904 ...	2,576	5,030	4,952	2,047	1,627	6,308	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,000	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	20,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	162,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	160,700	42,085	25,407	57,032	29,275	153,799
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662
1905	47,877	26,280	62,987	35,142	172,286	38,904	24,770	62,340	36,347	162,361
Oct. to Dec., 1905 ...	12,421	7,323	16,604	10,240	46,588	9,426	6,085	17,658	11,032	44,201
Oct. to Dec., 1904 ...	13,074	6,021	14,195	7,275	40,565	9,906	6,386	15,493	8,279	40,064

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,104	151,313
1901	87,473	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509	46,899	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784	42,529	4,249	2,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281	42,910	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
1905	98,129	44,302	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,286
Oct. to Dec., 1905 ...	26,844	12,226	1,991	2,930	2,597	46,588
Oct. to Dec., 1904 ...	21,470	10,663	1,949	2,918	3,565	40,565

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,625	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,694	170,525
1902	86,307	36,540	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189	34,909	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042	35,920	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
1905	98,687	36,762	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,361
Oct. to Dec., 1905 ...	28,690	9,234	605	3,734	1,938	44,201
Oct. to Dec., 1904 ...	23,772	9,652	777	4,269	1,594	40,064

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	34,961	116,911	151,872	35,729	134,312	170,041
Animals, living	1,423,942	35,299	1,459,241	1,775,340	32,612	1,807,952
Apparel and Attire	327,048	775,524	1,102,572	294,614	742,373	1,036,987
Piece Goods	244,312	2,432,180	2,676,492	205,866	2,278,201	2,484,067
Boots and Shoes	186,882	124,897	311,779	187,993	142,649	330,642
Cordage and Twines	33,156	157,411	190,567	33,893	170,273	204,166
Drugs and Chemicals	21,220	157,228	178,448	18,081	116,588	134,669
Fish—all kinds	21,743	84,204	105,947	26,738	92,929	119,667
Fruits and Vegetables	385,114	68,084	453,198	389,881	62,112	451,993
Furniture	32,040	81,809	113,849	25,318	80,816	106,134
Glass and Glassware	22,567	94,720	117,287	24,585	108,724	133,309
Gold—Coined and uncoined ...	3,550,994	939,715	4,490,709	3,947,861	518,142	4,466,003
Hats and Caps	53,963	183,809	237,772	52,808	173,894	226,702
Implements, &c., Agricultural ...	174,732	89,293	264,025	164,633	148,375	313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	15,036	221,970	237,006	20,495	183,575	204,070
Galvanized Sheet	31,888	251,912	283,500	25,249	234,267	259,516
Leather	95,153	109,552	204,705	76,329	117,980	194,309
Machines and Machinery	169,150	763,919	933,075	139,556	678,955	818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free	60,347	521,993	582,340	39,690	327,280	366,970
Dutiable	109,560	401,124	510,684	93,764	364,480	458,244
Oil—Kerosene... ..	11,441	128,776	140,217	11,292	120,224	131,516
Spirits—all kinds	68,486	327,948	396,434	70,169	323,774	393,943
Sugar	622,446	111,110	733,556	612,157	83,619	695,776
Tea	38,438	335,432	373,870	36,760	351,315	388,075
Timber	165,624	336,698	502,322	143,992	421,623	565,615
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	124,184	203,415	327,599	132,853	212,831	345,684
Wool	1,129,709	2,438	1,132,147	919,603	2,885	922,488
All other Articles	5,711,069	54,277,52	11,138,821	4,646,852	4,969,049	9,615,901
Total	£ 14,864,911	14,485,123	29,350,034	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958

No. 7.—Principles Articles Exported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.				1904.	
	Quantities.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
			£	£	£	£
Animals, living ... ..	.....	.....	2,101,458	144,089	673,114	90,628
Butter lbs.	2,287,883	17,153,024	93,947	723,873	59,788	811,820
Coal tons.	1,510,989	1,940,229	772,851	723,751	752,686	724,779
Copper, Ingots, & Matte	797	380,470	2,851	1,277,748	2,003	868,041
Gold Coin and Bullion ... ..	.....	.....	474,896	2,578,435	302,878	4,929,575
Grain—Wheat... .. cental	694,807	2,710,545	194,256	761,437	208,184	1,415,489
Flour "	316,868	701,075	131,129	258,767	143,109	184,575
Lead—Pig, and Matte ... ..	.....	.....	462,162	610,696	16,271	649,804
Leather ... ..	.....	.....	104,798	339,813	106,148	233,813
Meats—Mutton and lamb	3,211,666	48,707,817	39,734	576,233	8,525	275,227
Rabbits and Hares ... ..	.....	3,150,300	1,500	142,768	1,721	54,286
Oil—Cocoanut gall	35,171	932,830	4,012	112,401	4,712	149,600
Ores—N.e.i. ... ..	.....	.....	9,200	303,012	17,127	256,510
Silver Bullion, &c. oz.	2,416,627	820,481	191,761	96,517	251	176,348
Silver-lead Bullion ... ..	.....	589,367	.....	572,283	22,966	180,839
*Silver-lead Ore cwt.	260,070	371,149	42,769	152,869	1,460,548	138,605
Skins—Hides No.	76,711	148,474	86,208	102,295	78,401	80,173
Sheep "	379,571	3,199,051	79,190	550,389	43,327	160,466
Rabbit and Hare lb.	317,768	4,240,193	9,004	160,180	9,142	97,381
Other ... ..	.....	.....	2,942	261,214	8,758	161,616
†Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	7,060,805	247,062	1,306,997	43,946	32,742	46,344
Tallow "	13,312	390,563	11,927	452,403	11,415	268,108
Timber ... ..	.....	.....	29,387	323,878	23,722	185,698
Tin Ingots cwt.	171	66,344	1,238	464,811	903	408,666
Wool—Greasy and Scoured	56,083,721	230,217,131	2,304,925	11,141,335	1,593,627	8,657,131
All other Articles ... ..	.....	.....	3,803,694	1,684,487	4,299,982	1,493,263
Total ... ..	£ .....	.....	12,262,836	24,493,530	9,018,050	23,080,785

* See Spelter Concentrates, &c.

† See Silver-lead Ore.

No. 8.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	6,758,140	9,234,275	15,992,415	7,104,812	14,829,973	21,934,785
1896	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905	14,864,911	14,485,123	29,350,034	12,262,836	24,493,530	36,756,366

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	742,149	1,093,356	1,835,505	941,863	1,282,597	2,224,460	(—) 388,955
February ...	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	(+) 19,601
Total (2 m'ths.) £	1,671,787	2,528,949	4,200,736	2,182,512	2,387,578	4,570,090	(—) 369,354

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	2,568,357	764,664	3,333,021	1,751,692	697,048	2,448,740	(+) 884,281
February ...	3,171,497	*	.....	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	(+) 899,248†
Total (2 m'ths.) £	5,739,854	.....	.....	4,023,941	1,447,000	5,470,941	(+) 1,715,913†

* The figures for February are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

No. 11.—Principal Articles Imported during February, and during 2 months— January and February.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
February.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	757	10,782	11,539	2,937	15,415	17,452
Animals	20,148	3,443	23,591	41,103	762	41,865
Apparel and Soft Goods	29,780	368,088	397,868	31,897	320,844	352,741
Boots and Shoes	13,395	8,937	22,332	12,181	8,781	20,962
Cordage and Twines	1,642	26,901	28,543	1,687	16,395	18,082
Drugs and Chemicals	2,866	26,607	29,473	597	10,874	11,471
Fish—all kinds	241	19,290	19,531	519	9,896	10,415
Fruits—Dried	976	1,546	2,522	1,593	1,533	3,126
Fresh	10,860	6,971	17,831	29,609	1,125	30,824
Furniture	1,444	4,731	6,175	1,486	4,610	6,096
Glass and Glassware	1,101	9,570	10,671	827	7,293	8,120
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	146,835	96,899	243,734	594,355	22,261	616,616
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	2,646	2,646	.....	2,336	2,336
Hats and Caps	4,702	15,098	19,800	3,103	9,274	12,377
Implements—Agricultural	9,242	9,366	18,608	7,978	14,493	22,471
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, Pig, &c.	213	34,407	34,620	52	10,461	10,513
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	40,069	40,069	.....	14,552	14,552
Leather	8,224	11,699	19,923	6,300	7,503	13,803
Machines and Machinery	5,414	70,172	75,586	4,788	43,753	48,541
Metal Manufactures—Free	436	78,943	79,379	960	42,683	43,643
Dutiable	6,312	47,845	54,157	4,232	34,757	38,989
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	12,178	12,178	.....	17,066	17,066
Spirits	2,785	37,300	40,085	1,333	31,363	32,696
Sugar	87,280	684	87,964	23,254	21,469	44,723
Tea ... ..	.....	34,331	34,331	.....	29,022	29,022
Timber	12,927	35,823	48,750	5,097	38,928	44,025
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	19,270	30,849	50,119	7,912	12,261	20,173
Wine	3,530	4,763	8,293	2,001	1,036	3,037
Wool	111,400	190	111,590	74,720	70	74,790
Other Articles	427,858	385,465	813,323	380,938	348,165	729,103
Total	£ 920,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,640	1,104,981	2,345,630

January and February.

Ale and Beer	2,452	23,202	25,054	4,953	28,209	33,222
Animals	34,467	5,966	40,463	90,097	1,721	91,818
Apparel and Soft Goods	50,212	610,672	660,884	50,657	661,490	712,147
Boots and Shoes	19,637	14,141	33,778	19,153	16,213	35,366
Cordage and Twines	2,797	37,633	40,430	3,815	31,821	35,636
Drugs and Chemicals	6,158	4,947	49,105	1,169	22,743	23,912
Fish—all kinds	609	38,691	39,300	1,068	31,761	32,829
Fruits—Dried	1,142	3,930	5,081	2,845	3,451	6,296
Fresh	24,727	10,026	34,753	49,361	3,607	52,968
Furniture	2,499	7,292	9,791	2,627	9,427	12,054
Glass and Glassware	1,791	15,412	17,203	1,615	14,401	16,016
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	323,416	244,506	567,922	911,761	167,991	1,079,752
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	11,025	11,025	.....	11,213	11,213
Hats and Caps	6,329	26,231	32,560	4,331	21,933	26,264
Implements—Agricultural	12,922	12,351	25,273	10,701	18,958	29,659
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	248	54,404	54,652	95	34,006	34,101
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	57,899	57,899	.....	45,973	45,973
Leather	12,232	20,988	33,220	11,905	16,339	28,244
Machines and Machinery	8,550	112,313	120,863	10,664	117,206	127,870
Metal Manufactures—Free	1,771	118,853	120,624	1,888	88,049	89,937
Dutiable	9,519	72,119	81,638	7,934	72,427	80,361
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	29,380	29,380	.....	53,235	53,235
Spirits	4,198	55,483	59,681	3,072	67,849	70,921
Sugar	139,980	1,830	141,810	49,873	22,192	72,065
Tea ... ..	.....	57,477	57,477	.....	64,431	64,431
Timber	17,193	80,005	97,198	13,314	77,296	90,610
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	25,351	50,073	75,424	15,075	21,910	36,985
Wine	5,926	6,842	12,768	4,566	3,930	8,496
Wool	233,765	287	234,052	161,639	1,455	163,094
Other Articles	723,896	706,932	1,430,828	718,334	656,281	1,374,615
Total	£ 1,671,787	2,528,949	4,200,736	2,182,512	2,387,578	4,570,090

No. 12.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during February, and during two months—January and February.

Article.	1906.				1905.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
February.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	212	212	£ 5,275	£ 5,275	70	79	£ 2,648	£ 2,648
Butter ... lb.	2,602,291	2,602,291	108,871	108,871	2,245,488	2,245,488	88,884	88,884
Coal ... ton	172,681	172,681	74,168	74,168	120,707	120,707	51,852	51,852
Copper ... cwt.	31,995	31,995	109,814	109,814	20,886	20,886	67,469	67,469
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	2,830	2,903	1,664	1,795	1,984	2,488	1,505	2,093
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	418,403	418,414	.....	.....	160,050	160,050
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	1,132,810	1,132,810	180,717	180,717	1,471,095	1,471,095	247,977	247,977
Flour ... ton	2,911	2,913	22,214	22,232	4,084	4,084	35,009	35,009
Lead ... cwt.	102,132	102,132	76,897	76,897	96,755	96,755	53,221	53,221
Leather ...	.....	.....	19,572	20,267	.....	.....	14,556	14,860
Meats—Beef ... lb.	568,038	568,038	5,603	5,603	161,524	161,524	1,623	1,623
Mutton & Lamb ..	4,700,831	4,700,831	48,120	48,120	2,014,550	2,014,550	17,356	17,356
Rabbits & Hares pair	239,105	239,105	10,700	10,700	90,812	90,812	2,370	2,370
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	527,402	527,954	11,987	12,005	257,479	258,223	5,738	5,758
Oil—Cocanut ... ton	1	1	38	38	1,083	1,083	26,199	26,199
Ores ...	.....	.....	63,406	63,406	.....	.....	31,123	31,123
Silver Bullion ... oz.	128,811	128,811	10,006	10,006	35,829	35,829	4,164	4,164
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	44,862	44,862	44,862	44,862	41,560	41,560	37,404	37,404
Skins—Hides ... No.	8,867	8,867	9,659	9,659	10,625	10,625	10,463	10,463
Sheep ...	466,929	466,929	45,981	45,981	267,392	267,392	23,439	23,439
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	499,639	499,639	14,54	14,154	48,346	48,346	1,080	1,080
Other ...	.....	.....	20,738	20,738	.....	.....	10,446	10,446
Tallow ... cwt.	36,696	36,696	45,870	45,870	23,744	23,744	26,709	26,709
Timber ...	.....	.....	23,915	25,894	.....	.....	27,624	28,540
Tin ... cwt.	14,179	14,179	116,509	116,509	3,138	3,138	20,068	20,068
Wine ... gal.	2,519	2,669	771	1,058	2,095	2,425	512	1,004
Wool ... lb.	29,035,821	29,035,821	1,558,533	1,558,533	26,246,675	26,246,675	1,179,195	1,179,195
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	58,571	113,911	.....	.....	61,997	121,245
Total ... £	.....	.....	3,113,018	3,171,497	.....	.....	2,210,741	2,272,249
January and February.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	384	385	10,967	11,467	321	321	6,440	6,440
Butter ... lb.	5,877,238	5,877,238	252,164	252,164	4,428,648	4,428,648	170,752	170,752
Coal ... ton	263,378	263,378	112,340	112,340	216,786	216,786	94,296	94,296
Copper ... cwt.	49,893	49,893	176,884	176,884	40,542	40,542	133,566	133,566
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	5,094	5,365	3,004	3,275	4,927	5,554	3,485	4,163
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	582,675	703,131	.....	.....	407,965	407,965
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	1,935,943	1,935,943	316,600	316,600	2,362,918	2,362,918	399,560	399,560
Flour ... ton	5,255	5,257	40,559	40,577	4,455	4,401	38,162	38,230
Lead ... cwt.	148,950	148,950	113,175	113,175	165,290	165,290	94,180	94,180
Leather ...	.....	.....	38,761	39,909	.....	.....	29,506	30,109
Meats—Beef ... lb.	1,665,321	1,665,321	17,751	17,758	258,621	258,621	2,701	2,701
Mutton & Lamb ..	11,481,032	11,481,032	117,868	117,808	5,057,358	5,057,358	57,521	57,521
Rabbits & Hares pair	374,157	374,157	15,202	15,202	118,874	118,874	3,305	3,305
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	861,373	861,973	18,269	18,288	902,068	903,534	19,548	19,585
Oil—Cocanut... ton	890	890	21,103	21,103	1,717	1,717	41,446	41,446
Ores ...	.....	.....	113,048	113,053	.....	.....	68,854	68,854
Silver Bullion ... oz.	175,389	242,811	21,519	30,522	120,110	128,245	13,950	14,900
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	109,794	109,794	120,991	123,991	101,736	101,736	92,302	92,302
Skins—Hides ... No.	17,740	17,740	19,110	19,110	24,352	24,352	23,909	23,909
Sheep ...	848,169	848,169	92,341	92,341	423,484	423,484	43,143	43,143
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	676,373	676,373	13,704	19,704	99,171	99,171	2,291	2,291
Other ...	.....	.....	47,862	47,862	.....	.....	25,198	25,198
Tallow ... cwt.	68,673	68,673	84,157	84,157	45,175	45,175	49,868	49,868
Timber ...	.....	.....	43,241	46,038	.....	.....	48,299	49,960
Tin ... cwt.	18,242	18,242	149,499	149,499	7,484	7,484	48,099	48,099
Wine ... gal.	11,819	12,324	2,378	3,011	4,250	4,869	1,080	1,941
Wool ... lb.	53,349,535	53,349,535	2,835,697	2,835,697	41,095,693	41,095,693	1,876,849	1,876,849
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	114,135	217,988	.....	.....	113,586	222,808
Total ... £	.....	.....	5,501,101	5,739,854	.....	.....	3,909,861	4,023,941

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of overseas origin re-exported.

No. 13.—Outward Interstate Transfers during January, and during 12 months, January to December.

NOTE.—The figures for February, 1906, are not yet available.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
January.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals—Live	105,824	100	105,924	96,584	...	96,584
Apparel and Soft Goods	7,383	16,209	23,592	6,508	17,531	24,039
Biscuits	2,372	2	2,374	2,368	8	2,376
Boots and Shoes—Leather	4,851	770	5,625	7,193	443	7,636
Butter	421	1	422	325	3	328
Cement	828	43	871	3,101	43	3,144
Coal	61,632	.....	61,632	63,382	.....	63,382
Fruits—Fresh	5,225	997	6,222	4,018	694	4,716
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	15,353	.....	15,353	7,279	5,008	12,287
Grain—Wheat	103,352	.....	103,352	71,381	.....	71,381
Flour	9,313	31	9,344	9,415	102	9,517
Hats and Caps	1,017	1,561	2,578	1,000	914	1,914
Leather	6,010	3,354	9,364	5,082	2,141	7,523
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	3,515	2,318	5,833	1,529	2,095	4,024
Free	530	1,099	1,629	1,133	2,914	4,047
Potatoes	3,238	.....	3,238	1,386	.....	1,386
Skins and Hides	13,412	.....	13,412	10,607	.....	10,607
Soap	4,700	3	4,703	3,914	150	4,064
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	6,913	.....	6,913	123,766	42	123,808
Spirits	1,293	5,095	6,388	745	3,036	3,781
Sugar	34,256	15	34,271	30,102	2,321	32,483
Tea ... ..	.....	7,422	7,422	.....	9,122	9,122
Timber	1,478	90	1,568	872	129	1,001
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	14,166	2,940	17,106	16,459	1,356	17,815
Wool	35,589	.....	35,589	.....	.....	.....
Other Articles	207,581	72,358	279,939	110,009	70,074	180,083
Total	£ 650,256	114,408	764,664	578,618	118,430	697,048

Year 1905.

Year 1904.

Animals—Live	1,933,039	3,232	1,936,271	1,400,828	1,863	1,402,691
Apparel and Soft Goods	108,897	285,409	394,306	102,717	287,683	390,400
Biscuits	39,076	159	39,215	34,731	481	35,212
Boots and Shoes—Leather	111,894	10,221	122,115	101,142	11,402	112,544
Butter	86,365	18	86,383	59,621	42	59,663
Cement	32,440	445	32,885	20,593	1,886	22,479
Coal	773,571	.....	773,571	749,382	.....	749,382
Fruits—Fresh	121,132	4,315	125,447	96,043	4,118	100,161
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	470,296	5,018	475,314	298,640	4,100	302,740
Grain—Wheat	194,242	7	194,249	208,181	3	208,184
Flour	136,105	1,126	137,231	134,347	7,485	141,832
Hats and Caps	24,582	25,704	50,286	19,621	22,499	42,120
Leather	68,372	36,079	104,451	71,491	33,475	104,966
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	36,645	43,008	79,653	38,726	49,587	88,313
Free	17,197	30,915	48,113	41,459	28,866	70,325
Potatoes	33,376	394	33,770	7,300	61	7,361
Skins and Hides	163,269	307	163,576	119,635	1,650	121,285
Soap	43,684	3,249	46,933	39,500	3,937	43,497
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	1,291,553	44	1,291,597	32,709	33	32,742
Spirits	12,281	53,793	66,074	12,253	59,004	71,257
Sugar	276,818	13,861	290,679	235,201	15,480	250,741
Tea ... ..	.....	101,698	101,698	.....	93,783	93,783
Timber	25,912	2,937	28,849	19,493	3,481	22,974
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	171,947	29,282	201,229	152,579	33,859	186,438
Wool	2,255,769	.....	2,255,769	1,593,612	.....	1,593,612
Other Articles	1,960,701	1,146,365	3,107,066	2,503,771	1,211,036	3,714,807
Total	£ 10,389,164	1,797,566	12,186,730	8,093,695	1,875,814	9,969,509

NOTE.—These figures are preliminary, and do not agree with those in Table 7.

No. 14.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
February, 1905...	1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March, „ ...	491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April, „ ...	325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May, „ ...	166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June, „ ...	243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July, „ ...	183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August, „ ...	203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September, „ ...	849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October, „ ...	2,038,175	27,157	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November, „ ...	2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December, „ ...	2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525
January, 1906 ...	1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February, „ ...	1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168

No. 15.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1895 ...	2,390	2,851,546	2,405	2,854,705	2,132,753	718,793	2,161,176	693,529
1896 ...	2,444	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
February, 1906	197	362,101	216	392,608	313,576	48,525	342,700	49,908
February, 1905	183	323,602	190	348,381	262,613	60,989	285,929	62,452

No. 16.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,037,052
1896	1,237,971	111,859	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,447,641	209,905	12,245,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,909,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
31 March, 1905 ...	1,354,663	241,245	14,448,265	21,098,268	35,546,533	88,470	37,227,911
30 June, 1905 ...	1,345,655	238,076	14,338,927	21,633,341	35,972,268	116,995	37,672,994
30 Sept., 1905 ...	1,339,703	209,086	14,076,837	21,787,053	35,863,890	102,481	37,515,160
31 Dec., 1905 ...	1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,628	37,071,055	140,118	38,860,063
31 Dec., 1904 ...	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232

No. 17.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,797,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329
1896	6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828
1897	5,766,554	175,937	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
31 March, 1905 ...	6,798,046	260,062	1,804,424	31,981,265	260,812	293,717	41,398,326
30 June, 1905 ...	7,663,600	259,449	1,816,810	31,965,018	277,609	275,254	42,257,740
30 Sept., 1905 ...	8,174,325	256,238	1,823,986	32,425,127	265,223	273,622	43,218,521
31 Dec., 1905 ...	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,232	32,447,658	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
31 Dec., 1904 ...	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948

No. 18.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.				Year.			
Amount.				Amount.			
£				£			
1895 ... ..	...	109,265,984	...	1901 ... ..	...	167,676,706	...
1896 ... ..	...	116,962,784	...	1902 ... ..	...	178,637,708	...
1897 ... ..	...	121,645,824	...	1903 ... ..	...	180,961,406	...
1898 ... ..	...	126,978,018	...	1904 ... ..	...	177,797,334	...
1899 ... ..	...	146,188,144	...	1905 ... ..	...	189,826,381	...
1900 ... ..	...	144,080,313	...				
Total, 1st January to 26th February, 1906				...	...	...	£35,233,178
„ 1st „ 27th „ 1905				...	...	...	£29,864,767

No. 19.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1895	202,802	8,073,575	856,575	39 16 2	6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,825	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 15 2
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 1 6

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 20.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
		£	£	£	£
1895	270,673	79,085,735	9,259,337	88,345,072	2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577

No. 21.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	15,600,229	5,896,830	21,497,059	20,475,205	1,021,854	21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,607	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309

No. 22.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
			acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	...	...	596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	...	...	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	...	...	993,350	209,588	28,05	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	...	...	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	...	...	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	...	...	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	...	...	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,799	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	...	...	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	...	...	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,465	499,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	...	...	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,072,973

No. 23.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	...	...	5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	...	...	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	...	...	10,560,111	6,713,660	543,940	269,068	405,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	...	...	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	...	...	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	...	...	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	...	...	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	...	...	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	866,140	4,138,627
1904	...	...	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	...	...	16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710

No. 24.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	...	...	8·7	27·0	15·8	14·4	0·7	202	3 0 10
1897	...	...	10·2	27·2	21·1	17·6	1·0	172	3 4 9
1898	...	...	10·6	32·0	19·0	20·8	1·0	193	3 8 7
1899	...	...	7·0	31·4	14·0	19·8	0·7	185	2 4 3
1900	...	...	9·5	27·8	21·6	18·1	1·0	160	2 6 0
1901	...	...	10·6	30·5	20·2	19·0	1·1	197	2 8 0
1902	...	...	10·6	22·9	21·3	21·4	1·1	178	3 2 0
1903	...	...	1·2	15·1	8·2	20·9	0·5	160	1 16 10
1904	...	...	17·5	30·1	24·3	21·9	1·6	213	3 5 9
1905	...	...	9·3	25·6	16·1	20·4	0·8	175	2 0 6
Average for 10 yrs.			9·7	27·1	18·3	19·2	1·0	183	2 13 9

No. 25.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively.

No. 26.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	379,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532

No. 27.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000	1,000
1902 " " " " " " " "	1,065	1,096	935
1903 " " " " " " " "	1,098	1,125	992
1904 " " " " " " " "	1,071	1,112	1,011
1905 " " " " " " " "	1,150	1,192	1,149
February, 1902	1,010	988	956
February, 1903	1,085	1,171	982
February, 1904	1,053	1,097	982
February, 1905	1,073	1,071	1,061
November, 1905	1,235	1,289	1,267
December, 1905	1,239	1,246	1,351
January, 1906	1,234	1,271	1,350
February, 1906	1,243	1,310	1,328

No. 28.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
February, 1905..	33 0	8 17 0	102	97	10	1 6	25 7
March, " ...	33 0	9 0 0	105	100	10	1 6	25 0
April, " ...	31 9	8 19 0	102	95	10	1 6	25 6
May, " ...	31 6	8 11 0	95	87	10½	1 7	25 6
June, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	95	87	10½	1 7	26 0
July, " ...	30 9	8 10 0	100	96	11	1 7	26 6
August, " ...	32 3	8 6 0	108	104	11	1 8	27 0
September, " ...	33 3	8 4 0	110	104	11½	1 8	27 6
October, " ...	33 9	8 7 0	114	106	11½	1 9	27 6
November, " ...	33 6	8 11 0	113	108	12	1 10	27 6
December, " ...	33 0	8 12 0	115	110	11½	1 8	27 6
January, 1906...	32 3	8 7 0	116	108	11½	1 9	27 6
February, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	106	101	11½	1 9	28 0

No. 29.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
February, 1905 ...	3 4½	8 6 3	8½	11½	2 9½	2 7
March, " ...	3 3¾	8 3 9	8¼	11¼	2 3½	2 6½
April, " ...	3 2¾	7 16 3	9	12	2 4	2 5½
May, " ...	3 2½	7 8 6	9¾	13	2 5¼	2 6
June, " ...	3 4	7 9 6	10	11	2 7	2 5½
July, " ...	3 4	7 17 6	9¼	10¾	2 8	2 8½
August, " ...	3 5½	7 17 6	9¾	10½	2 8	3 5¼
September, " ...	3 6½	7 19 0	10½	12¼	2 10¼	3 10
October, " ...	3 6¾	8 0 0	11	13¾	2 9¾	4 2½
November, " ...	3 7¾	8 2 6	11¾	17¼	2 11¾	5 0½
December, " ...	3 8	8 2 6	10¾	12¼	2 11	4 5
January, 1906 ...	3 2½	7 15 0	9¾	11¾	2 10½	4 2
February, " ...	3 1¾	7 9 9	10¾	11	2 8¾	3 11¼
	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
February, 1905 ...	3 3 9	9¼	5½	6¾	3¾	11¼
March, " ...	3 3 3	9¾	6¼	6¾	3¾	12¾
April, " ...	3 11 9	10¼	6¾	6¾	3¾	14¼
May, " ...	3 5 0	9¼	7¾	6¼	3¾	16¾
June, " ...	3 17 0	9¼	7¾	5¾	3¾	15¾
July, " ...	2 17 6	10½	7¼	5¾	4¾	10¼
August, " ...	2 18 3	11¼	6¾	5½	4½	7¾
September, " ...	2 4 10	11¾	6¾	5¼	4¾	6¾
October, " ...	3 11 3	11¾	7¾	6	4¾	6¾
November, " ...	3 7 6	10½	6	6	4¾	7¾
December, " ...	3 5 0	10¾	5¾	6¾	5	9¾
January, 1906 ...	4 1 6	11¼	5½	6½	5½	8¾
February, " ...	3 4 6	10¼	5¾	7½	5½	11

No. 30.—Value of Minerals Won.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.
	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,315,929	1,642,671	136,969	87,937	1,095,327
1896	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281
1897	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041
1898	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833
1899	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799
1900	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911
1901	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929
1902	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598
1903	1,080,029	1,501,403	446,286	155,723	2,319,660
1904	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952
1905	1,165,013	2,494,052	511,754	173,806	2,003,461

No. 31.—Quantity and Value of Minerals won, 1904–5.

Minerals.	1904.		1905.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£	£	£
Gold	269,817	1,146,109	274,267	1,165,013	18,904	.....
Silver	1,121,402 tons.	123,256	417,520 tons.	52,196	.....	71,060
Silver—lead and ore	397,220	1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856	499,572	.....
Lead—pig, &c.	5,883	65,964	210	2,657	.....	63,307
Zinc spelter & concentrates	57,603	117,978	103,532	221,155	103,177	.....
Tin ingots and ore	1,700	188,377	1,519	173,806	.....	14,571
Copper ingots and ore	8,932	406,001	8,257	511,754	105,753	.....
Iron oxide	415	239	542	417	178	.....
Antimony and ore	109	503	388	5,221	4,718	.....
Bismuth	40	12,329	55	20,763	8,434	.....
Chrome iron ore	397	1,263	52	62	.....	1,206
Wolfram	89	8,432	86	7,361	.....	1,071
Scheelite	16	1,406	138	10,122	8,716	.....
Molybdenite	25	2,726	19	2,507	.....	219
Platinum	oz. 535	1,070	oz. 398	825	.....	245
Non-metallic—	tons.		tons.			
Coal	6,019,809	1,994,952	6,632,138	2,003,461	8,509	.....
Coke	171,006	110,692	162,961	100,306	.....	10,386
Kerosene shale	37,871	26,771	38,226	21,247	.....	5,524
Alunite	370	925	2,702	6,750	5,825	.....
Cobalt	5	60	.....	.....	.....	60
Diamonds	carats. 14,296	11,620	carats. 6,354	3,745	.....	7,875
Opal ... ..	.....	57,000	.....	59,000	2,000	.....
Other ... ..	.....	89	.....	1,902	1,813	.....
Total	£	6,220,051	.....	6,812,126	767,599	175,524
Net Increase					£	592,075

No. 32.—Manufactories.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1895	2,723	41,546	6,484	48,030	5,255,129	Not available.	
1896	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	
1897	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900	3,977	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,797,640	4,974,216	Not available.
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230

No. 33.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph wire.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316	2,635,456
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,309
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,395,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280

No. 34.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1895	2,531	36,611,366	1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5½	19,725,418
1896	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3½	21,005,048
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5¾	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4¾	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3¾	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1½	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10¼	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4¾	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9¾	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3¼	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10¼	35,158,150
* 1905-6	3,370	43,337,367	943,022	5,948,186	3 2	18,293,749
† December, 1905	3,370	43,337,367	550,435	3,097,139	3 6¾	9,473,384
† December, 1904	3,281	42,288,517	410,079	2,712,183	3 0¼	9,047,305

* Half-year ended 31st December, 1905.

† Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 35.—Meteorology.

District.	February, 1906.					February— (Mean 1896-1905.)			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast— Grafton	77·9	89·0	66·7	2·24	10	76·9	3·87	10	68·4	38·91
Hunter and Manning— Singleton	76·2	85·3	67·1	1·50	3	75·2	1·97	3	64·4	30·15
Cumberland— Sydney	72·4	78·2	66·6	0·38	11	71·7	2·20	12	62·8	49·05
South Coast— Bega	71·9	83·8	59·9	0·81	4	69·7	5·73	7	59·8	32·49
Northern Tableland— Armidale	68·6	79·8	57·4	5·94	8	67·8	1·95	7	56·4	31·87
Central Tableland— Bathurst	73·7	87·8	59·5	1·57	4	71·2	1·37	4	57·2	23·96
Southern Tableland— Goulburn	70·4	82·3	58·4	0·41	5	67·7	1·28	6	56·4	25·91
North-western Slope— Gunnedah	80·7	95·6	65·7	2·33	8	80·6	1·80	4	66·2	24·93
Central-western Slope— Dubbo	82·7	98·4	67·0	1·02	3	79·5	1·39	5	63·5	22·36
South-western Slope— Wagga	82·4	99·3	65·5	0·44	4	78·4	8·00	3	61·5	21·71
North-western Plain— Moree ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	81·8	2·18	6	68·8	23·29
Central-western Plain— Coonamble	84·4	97·5	71·3	1·51	8	81·1	2·22	4	65·8	20·12
Riverina— Deniliquin	80·2	97·9	62·5	1·09	1	76·7	0·79	3	61·9	16·35